

EXCELLENT CROPS

In This Section of the Country will be in Evidence.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS GOOD.

THE DUN AGENCY'S ANNUAL CROP AND BUSINESS PROSPECTS REPORT FOR WEST VIRGINIA AND EASTERN OHIO JUST OUT—THE WAR WITH SPAIN HAS NOT HAD A VERY UNFAVORABLE EFFECT UPON BUSINESS—THE REPORT IN FULL.

This morning the Intelligencer presents to its readers the annual compilation of crop and trade reports received from its correspondents by the R. G. Dun Mercantile Agency. The range of the compilation is extensive, including nearly all of West Virginia and the eastern Ohio country. As the review of the report states, there are prospects for excellent crops in every section and the business outlook is good.

THE REPORT REVIEWED.

The review of the report made at the Wheeling office of the agency, is as follows:

CONDITION OF CROPS.

The present outlook for good crops, in almost every line, in this section of the country, is flattering. While the season is somewhat backward, the weather of late has been so favorable that what appeared to be a discouraging outlook earlier in the season has changed into conditions that are very promising.

The drought last fall hindered the farmers from sowing wheat early, and some fields were not in good condition when the winter set in, but with late favorable conditions the general report seems to be that there will be above the average yield.

Corn and other grains seem to be in a good healthy condition and the present prospect is good for more than the average crop.

Hay is an exceptionally heavy crop, the best that this section has produced for a number of years.

Fruits—The apple crop is said to be very light. Peaches, etc., only a fair yield. There seems to be, however, an abundance of cherries and small fruits. In general, the condition of the farmer is much better than that of the average year.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The business prospects in general show every evidence of increased activity. During the past year everything in the manufacturing line has been running full labor has found ready employment, and the respective industries seem to have found outlets for their product on a favorable basis. While there are a few lines of manufacture that have been affected by the war with Spain and the unsettled condition of our export trade, this is not looked upon as being extremely unfavorable, the condition being only temporary. It is thought as soon as our foreign relations are again established and trade conditions become normal, there will be an increased demand for the general product on a profitable basis, and the prospect is thought good for a steady increase of business in this line during the coming year.

Among the jobbing trade there has been some complaint of the scarcity of money and the difficulty of making collections, but that condition seems to have improved during the last month or so. The farmers having lately disposed of their last year's product at a good figure, the retailer has been eased up considerably and the conditions seem to exist more favorable for the jobber. The general report, however, is that the volume of business is above the average and if the present conditions continue the end of the business year will evidence an improved condition of the wholesale trade.

The continued and increasing activity in the oil districts of this section, which are natural feeders to the general trade of this place, is another assurance of continued business prosperity. The reports from nearly all the oil fields being to the effect that new developments have proven successful and everything points to a greater volume of business for the ensuing year.

The usual amount of building is going on, banks and other financial institutions report a fair and healthy condition, and the business outlook in general is considered bright.

THE REPORT IN DETAIL.

The report in detail, classified by states, is as follows:

WEST VIRGINIA.

Fairmont, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Meadows, pasture, corn, oats and wheat cannot be compared. Business outlook: No one is making any new ventures on account of war; coal is in slow demand, prices running low.

Clarksburg, W. Va.—All crops very good. Business outlook very good.

Farmersburg, W. Va.—Wheat, oats and grass will not be up to the average. Business outlook: What was hoped for is not realized; the war scare is against business in a way.

West Union, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Good; wheat better than for five or six years; grass, heavy crop; pastures, very fine; cattle, in good condition; corn and oats look well. Business outlook: There will be more business in this section than for a long time, owing to the developments in the oil fields.

Phillippi, W. Va.—Condition of crops: There never was a better prospect in this section for wheat, corn and grass. Business outlook: We have little business here at best; our people say business is dull and outlook no better.

Moundsville, W. Va.—Condition of crops: The wheat crop will be decidedly better than first expected; oats will be light, meadows look well. There will be a good crop of hay. Business outlook is not very encouraging; trade is very dull and has not been worse for a number of years.

Ripley, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Wheat is looking fair. Corn is doing well; fair crop of grapes. The fruit crop will be light, especially peaches.

Burton, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Wheat and oats good; corn small, but doing well; vegetables rather backward; fruit a failure, may be a few apples; meadows and pasture in fairly good condition. Business outlook: Fair; the oil rental, which is paid quarterly, is a great help to business.

Tunnelton, W. Va.—Condition of crops: In excellent shape; old farmers say that the outlook is fine. Business outlook is fair; the war has an unfavorable effect upon trade.

Morgantown, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Wheat is excellent; corn is late this year; oats, it is impossible to tell what kind of crop there will be; grass is doing well and the hay crop will be better than usual; fruit will be almost a failure; the berry crop is good. Business outlook is fair; building is very active and the farmers and people of the country seem to be very prosperous.

Smithfield, W. Va.—Condition of crops: This is not a farming community. Business outlook very dull.

Grantsville, W. Va.—Crop are all above the average this season of the year. Business outlook: Fair; money scarce.

Davis, W. Va.—Farmers think nothing unfavorable occurs crops will



A DIAMOND QUEEN.

The Bride of George Vanderbilt Now Owns the Largest, Finest Diamonds in the World.

The title of "Diamond Queen" has been wrested away from Mrs. Ambassador Draper and torn from the brow of Mrs. Clarence Mackay. It must hereafter rest on the brunette locks of Edith Stuyvesant Dresser-Vanderbilt, Mrs. George Vanderbilt, who was married in Paris the other day to one of the richest independent bachelors in the world.

Mrs. Vanderbilt is an American girl who has lived so quietly in Paris that few outside of the American colony know her. She dressed well, but was the possessor of so small an income that

make good returns. Business outlook, unusually good.

Simpson, W. Va.—Crops never looked better; wheat is heading finely; apples will be short, but there will be an abundance of other small fruit. Business outlook, not as good as could be desired; the outlook seems to be growing brighter.

Hurricane, W. Va.—Condition of crop: Wheat is better than for twenty years; peaches, none; apples, very light. Business outlook, very good.

Mannington, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Everything seems in a prosperous condition; grass is very rank; wheat looks much better than it did in former years; corn is doing well; oats are fine. Business outlook is very good; this is the center of the oil fields in this section; that brings in lots of money.

Terra Alta, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Oats and wheat; never better; corn is doing fine; fruit will be plentiful. Business outlook: Good; farmers are getting big prices for their cattle, sheep, wool, etc., making times good in Preston county.

Grafton, W. Va.—Condition of crops: First class. Business outlook: Fair.

Pennsboro, W. Va.—Wheat, corn and grass doing well; potatoes and oats have suffered some from too much weather; everything in the way of crops looks fair. Business outlook: Fair in this community; everything seems to be pushing along finely.

Shinnston, W. Va.—Condition of crops is favorable; wheat looks well; will have a fine crop of hay; oats and corn are doing well; wool, selling at 20c. Business outlook fair.

St. Marys, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Full crop of everything except corn; fair show only for berries. Business outlook, good in the oil business.

Harrisville, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Corn is looking well; wheat is beginning to ripen and the yield promises to be good; oats are looking reasonably well; there will only be one-half crop. Business outlook: Trade is very good; there seems to be a cheerfulness among the farming class and as a result they buy freely. The oil development still continues.

Kingwood, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Wheat better than last year and average greater; oats, meadows and pasture, good; potatoes and vegetables growing rapidly; apples and fruit short. Business outlook: Lumber business dull; no export of timber.

Addison, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Corn, potatoes and other farm crops in good first class condition. Business outlook: There is not a great deal of trade in this section, and that is somewhat dull at this time.

Glennville, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Corn and potatoes in fine condition; good prospect for wheat; small acreage of oats sown; apples and peaches a failure. Business outlook in good; stock of all kinds except horses demand good prices.

Crickard, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Corn, good stand; wheat, excellent and matures well, will be an over average crop; oats, short; potatoes are looking well; grass is improving; but needs rain. Business outlook: Fairly good; stock in demand; money somewhat scarce.

Camaron, W. Va.—Condition of crops:

neither she nor her unmarried sister pretended to lead Paris society.

Now she suddenly finds herself the owner of the finest country house in the world—Biltmore, Mr. Vanderbilt's North Carolina estate. But more than that, she comes into ownership of the largest and finest diamond necklace on earth.

The history of Mrs. Vanderbilt's gems goes back to the house which sold them to her husband. A famous Paris jeweler had been for years collecting a diamond necklace fit to be displayed at the Paris exposition as an advertisement of his firm. Finally he completed the

Good; wheat, 90 per cent; corn, 85 per cent; oats, 90 per cent; potatoes, 100 per cent. Business outlook: Is not brisk; war has affected it.

Pt. Pleasant—Condition of crops: Wheat is the best in ten years; corn is looking well; oats, good and will make a good yield; hay will not make over 40 per cent; potatoes are doing well and will make a full crop; apples and peaches will not make more than one-third of a crop. Business outlook is not good; money is scarce and farmers are largely indebted.

Horton, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Good prospect for large yields of grain and hay. Business outlook: Booming; cattle and sheep going at good prices.

Benwood, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Wheat looks well; corn looks very well; a few peaches; fair crop of apples; lots of plums; good crop of berries; oats short, nothing injuring crops.

Buckhannon, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Fair promise of cereals; fruit crop will be light. Business outlook, still very dull.

New Martinsville, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Good all along the line. Business outlook, bright.

New Cumberland, W. Va.—Condition of crops: Elegant; apples in good shape, never were better; plum and peach crop, fair; corn doing well; wheat, fair. Business outlook: Trade is dull at present.

Palatine—Condition of crops: Wheat prospects flattering; corn is looking well; there will be a fair crop of oats.

EASTERN OHIO.

Delpho, Ohio—Condition of crops: Generally pretty good; wheat, however, will require earnest next week; generally good on bottom, will be average yield and good quality; corn, growing finely now, rather short but good stand; oats, doing well, usual average; hay will be light and weedy; stock, scarce and high; fruit, apples a failure, peaches abundant for local demand, plums short.

Bridgeport—Condition of crops: All cereals very good; fruits about a half crop; all vegetation in good condition. Business outlook: Generally good.

Belmont, Ohio—Condition of crops: Good for corn, hay and wheat. Business outlook, bright.

Bethesda, Ohio—Condition of crops: Wheat, some of it thin and uneven, but general condition appears improved; corn, planting delayed some by wet, but stand and condition appears good; tobacco, probably ordinary amount to be planted, plants in fairly good condition; pastures and meadows, good; fruit, prospect generally good. Business outlook: Manufacturing and building improved; a good many farmers held their wheat till May, marketing it at a good price; the prospect for farmers less discouraging.

Bellville, Ohio—Crops in this vicinity promise well; trade prospects are not so flattering; everything in the manufacturing line is running full.

Lower Salem, Ohio—Condition of crops: Wheat crop, good; corn crop, flourishing; oats, very promising; potatoes, good; hay, light. Business outlook, generally good.

Darwinville, Ohio—Condition of crops: Good. Business outlook: Very good.

Flushing, Ohio—Condition of crops:

necklace, which consists of forty-three immense and perfect diamonds. He announced to his patrons that for a few days he would display them in his show rooms. George Vanderbilt heard of the announcement and visited the jeweler. When he came out ten minutes later he had the necklace in his pocket, and in the jeweler's safe reposed a check so large that it dazzled the firm to look at it. Mr. Vanderbilt's check had been too persuasive to be refused.

Mrs. Vanderbilt is one of four beautiful brunettes sisters, all of whom have married men with interests in Paris. After a tour in Italy they will visit America and will doubtless spend the winter at Biltmore.

Fair; rain helped; wheat, 80 per cent. Business outlook: Encouraging, general good feeling.

Sardis, Ohio—Condition of crops: Wheat, prospects good, larger amount sown than for several years; corn is growing fast; oats will be a light crop; stock is in good shape. Business outlook: The outlook for business is about normal.

Flushing, Ohio—Condition of crops: Corn and grass crops good, also oats. Business outlook: Somewhat improved but not flattering.

Woodfield, Ohio—Condition of crops: Wheat, oats, corn and hay, average crop. Business outlook, good.

Catalis, Ohio—Condition of crops: Wheat, 10 per cent above usual average; corn, 20 per cent above usual average; tobacco, not planted yet; oats, short; hay, good; potatoes will be big if it rains in five days; apples, peaches and plums, from 20 to 40 per cent above average. Business outlook, dull.

Powhatan, Ohio—Condition of crops: Wheat is looking well; corn looks fairly well; oats are showing up well. Business condition, fair.

GIVES CONFIDENCE.

Many People in Wheeling Speaking About It.

Our people are not easily deceived and so many claims have been made by strangers which have not been carried out, it is small wonder that skeptics are numerous in Wheeling. Nothing gives confidence in the merit of an article like the public statement of people we know. Home endorsement from local citizens will disarm the most skeptical, and is proof that rises above dispute. No better proof than the following can be had for it is the expression of a Wheeling citizen.

Mrs. George W. Thompson, of No. 2413 Market street, says: "Although my kidneys were far from strong for several years, it was twelve months that I was troubled so severely. I neglected to do anything for it, thinking probably it would get well of itself, but it didn't. On the contrary, I had constant dull, aching pains across the small of my back, and heavy bearing down pains in the bladder. I could not rest at nights on account of my back, and would lie for hours in a vain effort to get to sleep, rising in the mornings tired and languid, more so than when I went to bed. After I had been around for a little while, I would feel a little better, but could not do any household work without causing myself a great deal of pain. There was a distressing and annoying urinary weakness, together with headaches and spells of dizziness. When I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised my back and kidneys were very bad. I went to the Logan Drug Co., and got a box and took them. I had taken but a few doses when I felt they were doing the work for me in good shape, and before I had completed the box I was entirely cured of the trouble."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-McBarn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Dr. Miles' Pain Pills are guaranteed to stop headache in 20 minutes. "One cent a dose."

WEST VIRGINIA MATTERS.

Recent Pensions Granted and New Postmasters Appointed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—Pensions to West Virginians have been granted as follows:

Original—Andrew J. McNash, Wheeling, \$10; Joseph Williams, Wheeling, \$6; A. Harris, Wheeling, \$8; F. Hagar, Jenks, \$6.

Restoration—Francis M. Evans, Fairfax, \$3.

Reissue—Thomas F. Porter, Fairfield, \$8; George P. Black, Oxford, \$17.

Supplemental—John N. Mays, Independence, \$4.

Reissue and increase—James Henry, Pioneer, \$6 to \$9; Henry Gillespie, Hubbardston, \$6 to \$12; Roland Barr, Branch, \$6 to \$3.

Increase—John Taylor, Viola, \$12 to \$14; Michael P. Wells, Fairmont, \$10 to \$14; Hilary Pratt, Sutterfarm, \$8 to \$10; Joseph A. Arkle, Wheeling, \$11 to \$13; Jeremiah Bogard, Howard, \$6 to \$8; David Calhoun, Ellenboro, \$5 to \$8; Marion Akire, Highland, \$12 to \$16; Joseph A. Dennis, Schultz, \$6 to \$8; William Moorehouse, Tappin's Grove, \$16 to \$24.

Pensions to other applicants, residing in the vicinity of Wheeling, have been granted, also, as follows:

William L. Dye, Washington, Pa., \$8; Carter Wright, Canonsburg, Pa., \$6; Truman A. Cheesboro, Cecil, Washington county, Pa., \$6; Joseph Houston, McCracken, Greene county, Pa., \$8.

Widows—Susan M. Ringler, South Burgestown, Washington county, Pa., \$8; Annie E. Martin, Hanlin's Station, Washington county, Pa., \$8; Abigail Conrad, Mapleton, Greene county, Pa., \$8.

Patents have been issued to West Virginia inventors as follows:

John F. Ball, Turtle Creek, car coupling; Otto H. Middleton, Charleston, incandescent electric lamp.

West Virginia postmasters of the fourth class have been appointed, as follows:

Beech, Calhoun county, Henry Lockner; Bowen, Wayne county, Hugh Melrose; Brown, Harrison county, W. N. Edgill; Dodrill, Calhoun county, Jasper Ball; Hinkle, Upshur, Ora M. Doolittle; Leivasy, Nicholas county, E. C. Bennette; McGill, Putnam county; Earl W. Thomas; Teal, Kanawha county, G. F. Osburn.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that, too, by a lady in this country. "Dysentery fastened its clutches upon her, and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined, and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking the first dose that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at Logan Drug Co.'s Drug Store.

Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

LATE to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. Early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. Charles R. Goetze, Market and Twelfth streets; Chatham Sinclair, Forty-sixth and Jacob streets; A. E. Scheele, No. 607 Main street; Exley Bros., Penn and Zane streets; Bowie & Co., Bridgeport.

Detroit and Return.

One of the finest and cheapest trips of the season will be the excursion of the Knights of St. John and St. George to Detroit, June 27, via the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling railway. Consult O. R. Wood, T. P. A., McLure House Block.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.

Use sure and safe that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

A LIVING WITNESS.

Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before using your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer. I have been sick for months, was troubled with severe pain in both sides of abdomen, sore feeling in lower part of bowels, also suffered with dizziness, headache, and could not sleep. I wrote you a letter describing my case and asking your advice. You replied telling me just what to do.

I followed your directions, and cannot praise your medicine enough for what it has done for me. Many thanks to you for your advice.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me, and I will recommend it to my friends.—Mrs. LORAIN R. HOFFMAN, 512 Roland St., Canton, O.

The condition described by Mrs. Hoffman will appeal to many women, yet lots of sick women struggle on with their daily tasks disregarding the urgent warnings until overtaken by actual collapse.

The present Mrs. Pinkham's experience in treating female ills is unparalleled, for years she worked side by side with Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, and for sometimes past has had sole charge of the correspondence department of her great business, treating by letter as many as a hundred thousand ailing women during a single year.

Round Trip Summer Excursion Tickets.

Commencing June 12 the Monongahela River Railroad Company will sell round trip summer excursion tickets to Webster Springs, W. Va., and return. The location of Webster Springs is sixteen miles from Cowen, W. Va.

Tickets are printed to read via Cowen and Black Line between Cowen and Webster Springs, though if passengers holding Webster Springs tickets desire to visit Camden-on-Gauley these tickets will be honored for passage from Cowen to Camden-on-Gauley and return without extra charge.

The new hotel at Webster Springs is now open and affords ample, first class accommodation for a large attendance. Tickets on sale June 12 to September 30, inclusive, and good returning until October 31, 1898. For rates apply to Hugh G. Bowles, General Superintendent, Monongah, W. Va.

Excursion to Louisville, Ky., via B. & O. Account Annual Meeting National Council Jr. O. U. A. M.

For the above occasion, on June 19 and 20 the Baltimore & Ohio will sell excursion tickets to Louisville and return at rate of \$10.50, good returning until June 25 inclusive.

B. & O. Sunday Excursions on Fourth Division.

Commencing Sunday, May 23, and every Sunday thereafter, until September 25, inclusive, the Baltimore & Ohio will sell excursion tickets to and from all stations between Wheeling and Grafton, good returning date of sale, at one fare for the round trip, with ten cents added.

Reduced Rates via Ohio River R. R.

Wheeling to Cincinnati, O., \$5.00

Wheeling to Lexington, Ky., 7.50

Wheeling to Louisville, Ky., 9.00

Wheeling to Louisville, Ky., second class, \$8.50

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I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now on every bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*, wrapper: This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, D.D.

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